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SUBJECT: MSG TOUR OF DUTY FOR REPLACEMENT NCOIC KUWAIT

1. A REPLACEMENT NCOIC WILL SOON BE SCHEDULED FOR DUTY AT EMBASSY KUWAIT. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT HIS TOUR OF DUTY BE CUT FROM THE PRESENT NORMAL 30 MONTH TOUR TO 24 MONTHS.

2. STATE DEPT PERSONNEL ARE NORMALLY ASSIGNED KUWAIT FOR TWO YEAR TOURS AND GIVEN A MUCH-NEEDED R&R AT MID-TOUR. EVEN WITH THIS R&R, KUWAIT LIVING CAN BE MOST DIFFICULT, ESPECIALLY FOR FAMILIES. THE ONLY PRACTICAL WAY TO ESCAPE FROM THE ISOLATION OF KUWAIT IS BY AIR, A VERY EXPENSIVE PROPOSITION, AGAIN ESPECIALLY FOR FAMILIES.

3. BECAUSE OF THE ISOLATION FACTOR AND EXCESSIVE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS AT THIS POST, A TOUR OF DUTY LONGER THAN TWO
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YEARS WITHOUT R&R IS IN OUR OPINION ASKING TOO MUCH OF AN NCOIC AND HIS FAMILY. WHILE ADDED COST OF EARLIER ROTATION IS OF COURSE A FACTOR, EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE MORE THAN OFFSET BY CONSIDERATIONS OF MORALE AND FAMILY WELFARE, WHICH WOULD BE REFLECTED IN EFFICIENCY OF NCOIC AND HIS MSG DETACHMENT.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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